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Identical letters dated 10 April 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I should like to inform you that, on 9 April 2018, four Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea west of Juniyah and proceeding east to the city of Baalbek, in order to conduct raids in the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic.

Lebanon strongly condemns this fresh violation of its airspace, which constitutes yet another flagrant violation of the sovereignty of Lebanon and Security Council resolution 1701 (2006). My country calls upon the Security Council to condemn this hostile action in the strongest possible terms and take all measures needed to deter Israel from continuing to commit serious violations of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon by land, sea and air.

On more than one occasion, Lebanon has conveyed to the Security Council its protests and condemnation of the ongoing violations of Lebanese airspace that Israel commits systematically and on a daily basis, and drawn the attention of the Council to the threat that such violations pose to regional and international security and peace. It did so most recently in the identical letters dated 6 April 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon addressed to the Secretary-General and President of the Security Council (A/72/831–S/2018/336). Lebanon has also warned the Council that the repeated violation of its airspace by Israel to conduct raids in the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic poses a particular threat. It voiced those warnings most recently in the identical letters dated 30 October 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council (A/72/553–S/2017/915) and the identical letters dated 8 February 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council (A/72/742–S/2018/109). My country once again strongly condemns and rejects the violation of its airspace by Israel under any circumstances, including for the purpose of attacking Syria.

Lebanon will never cease to call upon the Security Council, and through the Council the international community, to apply the forceful pressure needed to make

Israel halt is acts of aggression and comply with and implement fully and without delay all provisions of resolution 1701 (2006). The continued violation of Lebanese airspace, occupation of Lebanese territory and commission of acts of aggression by Israel constitute a blatant violation of international law and internationally authoritative resolutions, and threaten regional and international security and peace.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 37, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Amal **Mudallali**
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